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## **MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-099**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

Curriculum Coordinators Elementary Principals

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**DATE:** April 30, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Summer Literacy Trainings

## 2010 SUMMER LITERACY TRAINING EVENTS - TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education will be sponsoring literacy trainings to assist districts in strengthening school-wide literacy models. There is no charge for any of the trainings and materials will be provided. Districts will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal costs. For each event, a block of rooms has been set aside at the training site. **Please register prior to June 1**, **2010**, on the **Zoomerang sites listed below**.

**DIBELS NEXT Training** will be held on June 23, 2010, and, again on August 11, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both one-day training sessions will be held at the Best Western Lander Inn in Lander, Wyoming. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Lander Inn (307-332-4005). The training is for personnel already proficient in the administration of DIBELS (6<sup>th</sup> edition) and whose school or district is transitioning to the DIBELS NEXT edition. At a minimum, participants should have completed DIBELS Basic Training (6<sup>th</sup> edition). **NOTE:** The DIBELS NEXT assessment contains new measures, materials, and updated cut scores. All currently trained personnel who administer DIBELS should receive this training before administering the new measures included in the DIBELS NEXT edition. Participants need not attend both days. Register at:

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AKKEMRDAD

**DIBELS NEXT Basic Training** will be held on June 24-25, 2010, and, again on August 12-13, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all days. Both two-day training sessions will be held at the Best Western Lander Inn in Lander, Wyoming. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Lander Inn (307-332-4005). Participants will learn how to administer and score all of the

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DIBELS NEXT measures, identify and interpret basic DIBELS graphs, and understand progress monitoring and how to use DIBELS to track student progress. **NOTE:** Materials and content for this training align with the DIBELS NEXT assessment. Register at:

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AKKGLREGU

Comprehensive Core Reading Program-Specific Training for grades K-3 and grades 4-6 will be held July 7-9, 2010. Sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 7 and 8, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 9 at the Fairfield Inn in Laramie, Wyoming. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Fairfield Inn in Laramie (307-460-2100). Participants will learn how to efficiently plan for and deliver effective reading instruction using their comprehensive core reading program and scientifically-based reading instruction strategies. Districts may send school teams of leaders, teachers, and paraeducators who are currently implementing or planning the implementation of a core reading program. Register at: http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AKKJARFHT

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies) Training will be held August 2-3, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper, Wyoming. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper (307-266-1300). The PALS training will be delivered to three grade configurations as follows:

	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 2, 2010	Kindergarten PALS	Grade 1 PALS
August 3, 2010	Grades 2-6 PALS	Grades 2-6 PALS
		(repeated session)

Participants who teach multiple grade levels are encouraged to attend more than one session. Each session is three hours. Participants will learn and practice effective strategies for reading that can be utilized in classrooms, especially in classrooms with diverse academic needs, to improve proficiency in reading. Each participant will also receive materials to support the implementation of PALS in the classroom. For more information and to register: <a href="http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AKKM6RH9Z">http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AKKM6RH9Z</a>

## Remember: Please register prior to June 1, 2010, on the listed Zoomerang sites.

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